

David Samuel Fott
Curriculum Vitae (as of June 9, 2014)

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EDUCATION

PhD in political science, Harvard University, 1993. Dissertation: "Dewey, Postmodernism, and the Philosophical Foundations of Democracy." Advisory committee: Harvey C. Mansfield (chair), Stephen Macedo, Dennis F. Thompson
AM in political science, Harvard University, 1986
BA in political science, *summa cum laude*, minor in philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 1983

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as of July 1, 2014
Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1998-2014
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1992-98

PUBLICATIONS

Books

"*On the Republic*" and "*On the Laws*," by Marcus Tullius Cicero, Agora Editions (Ithaca, NY: Cornell Univ. Press, 2014), translation with introduction, notes, and indexes
John Dewey: America's Philosopher of Democracy (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 1998)

Refereed Articles

"Skepticism about Natural Right in Cicero's *De re publica*," *Etica & Politica* 16, no. 1 (forthcoming, 2014), <http://www2.units.it/etica/>
"Preface to Translation of Montesquieu's 'Discourse on Cicero,'" *Political Theory* 30 (October 2002): 728-32; with translation, "Montesquieu's 'Discourse on Cicero,'" *Political Theory* 30 (October 2002): 733-37
"Prudence and Persuasion: Jane Austen on Virtue in Democratizing Eras," *Lamar Journal of the Humanities* 24 (Spring 1999): 17-37
"John Dewey and the Philosophical Foundations of Democracy," *Social Science Journal* 28 (1991): 29-44
"Presidential Power in Theory and Use: Lincoln, [Franklin D.] Roosevelt, and Nixon," *Pittsburgh Undergraduate Review* 2 (Fall 1981): 70-103

Book Chapters

- “The Politico-Philosophical Character of Cicero’s Verdict in *De Natura Deorum*,” in *Cicero’s Practical Philosophy*, ed. Walter Nicgorski, 152-80 (Notre Dame, IN: Univ. of Notre Dame Press, 2012)
- “John Dewey: Philosophy as Theory of Education,” in *Political Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Authors and Arguments*, ed. Catherine H. Zuckert, 19-31 (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2011); book translated into Arabic, forthcoming, 2014
- “How Machiavellian Is Cicero?,” in *The Arts of Rule: Essays in Honor of Harvey C. Mansfield*, ed. Sharon R. Krause and Mary Ann McGrail, 149-65 (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2009)
- “Montesquieu on Federalism and the Problem of Liberty in the International System: Ancient Virtue and the Modern Executive” (with Ann Ward), in *The Ashgate Research Companion to Federalism*, ed. Ann Ward and Lee Ward, 107-20 (Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2009)
- “John Dewey’s Alternative Liberalism,” in *History of American Political Thought*, ed. Bryan-Paul Frost and Jeffrey Sikkenga, 585-97 (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2003)

Invited Articles

- “John Dewey,” *Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, ed. Gregory Claeys, vol. 1, 215-19 (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2013)
- “John Dewey and the Mutual Influence of Democracy and Education,” *Review of Politics* 71 (Winter 2009): 7-19
- “Dewey and the Threat of Tyranny of the Majority,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 27 (Fall 1998): 206-11

Other Professional Publications

- Translation of selections from Cicero’s *On the Republic* and *On the Laws* on website Natural Law, Natural Rights, and American Constitutionalism, by Witherspoon Institute, 2011, <http://www.nlnrac.org/classical/cicero/primary-source-documents>
- Review of *American Mythos: Why Our Best Efforts to Be a Better Nation Fall Short* by Robert Wuthnow, in *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (December 2006): 784-86
- Review of *Dewey on Democracy* by William R. Caspary, in *Perspectives on Politics* 1 (September 2003): 582
- Review of *John Dewey and the High Tide of American Liberalism* by Alan Ryan, in *Perspectives on Political Science* 25 (Fall 1996): 230
- Review of *Rethinking Democratic Education: The Politics of Reform* by David M. Steiner, in *American Political Science Review* 89 (September 1995): 753-54
- “John Dewey: A Postmodern before Postmodernism?,” *National Social Science Perspectives Journal* 3, no. 2 (1993): 85-97
- “On the Imposition of Religion on Others,” *Harvard Graduate Society Newsletter* (Fall 1988): 9-12

HONORS AND AWARDS

Grant of \$13,000 from Apgar Foundation for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2014
UNLV Black Mountain Institute / College of Liberal Arts Research Fellowship, spring 2014
Grant of \$25,000 from Apgar Foundation for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2013
Grant of \$25,000 from Apgar Foundation for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2012
Grant of \$5,000 from Charles Koch Foundation for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2012
Grant of \$12,500 from Apgar Foundation for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2011
Grant of \$10,000 from Charles Koch Foundation for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2011
Political Research Quarterly Outstanding Reviewer Award for 2011
Sabbatical (awarded by UNLV faculty committee), 2000-2001, 2008-9
Anonymous grant of \$15,000 for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2007
UNLV Planning Initiative Award of \$21,000 for Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2006
UNLV Center for Advanced Research Award, spring 1993, spring 1994, fall 1994, spring 1996, spring 2002
Fellowship Research Grant of \$15,100 from Earhart Foundation, 2000
UNLV Barrick Faculty Development Travel Award, February 1994, October 1994
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1983-86
Founder's Medal for first honors in College of Arts and Science of Vanderbilt, 1983
Alexander Heard Award for outstanding senior major in political science at Vanderbilt, 1983
Charles Forrest Alexander Award in Journalism for Vanderbilt student journalism, 1983
Phi Beta Kappa—elected junior year, 1982
Avery Leiserson Award for best undergraduate paper in political science at Vanderbilt during academic year 1981-82
Harry S. Truman Scholarship (for four years of undergraduate and graduate study), 1981
Pi Sigma Alpha, 1981
Second place in Eta Sigma Phi National Latin Translation Contest, 1980
Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Honor Scholarship, 1979-83
National Merit Scholarship, 1979

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Cicero on the Best Regimes,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 30, 2014
“The Best Way of Life According to Cicero’s ‘Dream of Scipio,’” paper presented to Black Mountain Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 31, 2014
“The Guide of Cicero’s Republic,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30, 2013

- “Skepticism about Natural Right in Cicero’s *De re publica*,” paper presented to Collegium Politicum (Rethinking Cicero as Political Philosopher), Bologna, Italy, May 31, 2013; also to Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2, 2011; also (in earlier draft as “Natural Right in Cicero’s Political Philosophy”) to American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 4, 2010
- “Cicero’s Philosophy in the Words of Orators,” paper presented to Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 11, 2013; also (in earlier draft as “Cicero on the Relation between Philosophy and Rhetoric”) to American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28, 2008
- “Cicero’s Historical Approach to the Best Regime,” paper presented to Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, California, March 28, 2013; originally accepted by and written for American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2012 (conference canceled due to weather)
- “Cicero’s Theoretical Approach to the Best Regime,” paper presented to Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, April 2, 2010; also to Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 21, 2009
- “How Machiavellian Is Cicero?,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2, 2007
- “Montesquieu on Federalism and the Problem of Liberty in the International System: Ancient Virtue and the Modern Executive” (with Ann Ward), paper presented to American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 31, 2007; also to Southwestern Political Science Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 17, 2007; also (with slightly different title) to International Studies Association–West, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 1, 2004
- “The Politico-Philosophical Character of Cicero’s Verdict in *On the Nature of the Gods*,” invited paper presented to Symposium on Cicero’s Practical Philosophy, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 28, 2006
- “Cicero: A Philosopher without Ideals,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2, 2004; also to Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 17, 2004
- “Cicero on How to Make Virtue Affective and Effective,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 30, 2002
- “Dewey’s Declaration of Independence,” paper presented to Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 8, 2001
- “Toward Cicero’s Thoughts on Natural Law,” invited paper presented to Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Toronto, Canada, November 10, 2000
- “Toward Cicero’s Thoughts on Natural Law,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 31, 2000
- “On Justice and Mercy,” invited paper presented to symposium, Center for Justice Initiatives, Herndon, Virginia, April 22-23, 1999
- “Philosophy and Politics in Cicero’s *On the Republic*,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 5, 1998

- “Dewey and Rorty on Public and Private,” paper presented to Southern Political Science Association, Norfolk, Virginia, November 7, 1997
- “Dewey’s *Democracy and Education*,” paper presented to Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 14, 1996
- “The Promise and Problems of Dewey’s Liberalism,” paper presented to Southern Political Science Association, Tampa, Florida, November 2, 1995
- “Currin V. Shields, Democratic Theory and the American Tradition of Empirical Collectivism” (with Rick Tilman), paper presented to Western Social Science Association, Oakland, California, April 29, 1995
- “Jane Austen’s Wisest Heroine: A Model Democratic Citizen,” invited paper presented to Liberal Arts Research Seminar, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, November 16, 1994
- “Jane Austen’s Wisest Heroine: A Model Democratic Citizen,” paper presented to Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, Rhode Island, November 10, 1994
- “Tocqueville, J. S. Mill, and Dewey on Liberty,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, New York, New York, September 4, 1994
- “Dewey’s Aesthetics and Its Relation to His Political Thought,” paper presented to Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 2, 1994
- “John Dewey’s *Freedom and Culture*,” invited talk to faculty/student seminar, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1994
- “John Dewey: A Postmodern before Postmodernism?,” paper presented to National Social Science Association, San Francisco, California, April 2, 1993
- “John Dewey and the Foundations of Political Democracy,” paper presented to American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 31, 1989

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Visiting scholar, University of Toronto, summers 1997-2002, also academic year 2000-2001

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Book on Cicero’s philosophy

TEACHING

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Ethics and Policy Studies 702: Ethics (spring 1998)

Great Works 400: Senior Seminar in Great Works (fall 2005, spring 2007, spring 2008, spring 2010, spring 2011, spring 2013)

Honors 112: Exploring American Politics (fall 1993, fall 1994, fall 1995, fall 1996, fall 1998 [two sections], spring 2000, spring and fall 2005)

Honors 200D: Individual, Society, and Freedom (fall 1999, fall 2010)

Political Science 101: Introduction to American Politics (spring 2000, fall 2003)

Political Science 105: Introduction to Political Science (fall 1993, spring 1994, fall 1996)

Political Science 200: Survey of Political Theory (fall 1992; spring 1993; spring 1994; spring [two sections] and fall 1995; spring and fall 1996; spring and fall 1997; spring 1998; fall 1999; spring and fall 2002; fall 2003; spring, summer, and fall 2004; spring 2006; spring and fall 2007, fall 2011, spring and fall 2013, spring 2014)

Political Science 371: Ancient Political Theory (spring 2006, fall 2012)

Political Science 373: Early Modern Political Theory (spring 2003, fall 2006, spring 2010)

Political Science 374: Late Modern Political Theory (fall 1992, spring 1996, spring 2000, spring 2003, fall 2005, fall 2007)

Political Science 375: Recent Political Theory (spring 1995, fall 1997, fall 2001, spring 2004, spring 2011)

Political Science 409C: American Political Thought (fall 1995, spring 1997, spring 2002, fall 2004, spring 2007, fall 2009, fall 2011)

Political Science 409L: Medieval Political Theory (spring 1999, fall 2002, spring 2005, spring 2008, fall 2010, spring 2013)

Political Science 409Z: Special Topics in Political Theory (summer 2004, fall 2012 [The Individual and Society], spring 2010 [The Political Ethics of Capitalism], spring 2012 [Adam Smith and Capitalism])

Political Science 710: Seminar in American National Government: Theory and Perspectives (spring and fall 1993, fall 1994, spring 1997, spring 1999, fall 2001, fall 2002, spring 2004, fall 2006)

Political Science 771: Seminar in Political Theory (spring 2008, fall 2009)

Political Science 780R: Proseminar in Political Theory (spring 2012, fall 2013)

Political Science 782: Political Theory from 1500 to 1900 (spring 2011)

Chair of doctoral dissertation committee on just war theory, international law, and nonstate actors

Doctoral dissertation committee on forms of repentance in early modern drama (English)

Chair of master's thesis committees on (1) clinical decision making, (2) direct democracy and state legislatures, (3) eminent domain, (4) relation between nation-building and liberty, and (5) US nuclear waste policy

Master's thesis committees on (1 and 2) idealism and realism in international relations, (3) ethics of physician-assisted suicide, (4) Old Testament politics, (5) religion in US and Norwegian politics, (6) US policy toward Iraq, (7) civic engagement and youth, (8) John Henry Newman's poetry (English), (9) journalistic ethics, (10) constitutional loyalty in Republika Srpska, (11) right to privacy, (12) constraints on presidential rhetoric, (13) Plato's *Gorgias*, and (14) Quebec Act

Advisor of senior honors theses on (1) Madison, (2) Burke, (3) US treatment of Islam, and (4) W. E. B. Du Bois and Booker T. Washington

Instructor of twenty-four independent studies

Harvard University (Teaching Fellow, Department of Government and Core Curriculum)

Government 30: Introduction to American Government (fall 1985)

Government 97: Tutorial–Sophomore Year (Constitutional Democracy in America) (fall 1986, fall 1987 [two sections], fall 1989)

Government 99r: Senior Honors Thesis (1985-86, 1987-89) (advisor of theses on Puritan political thought, democratic education, the jurisprudence of Brandeis, the right to privacy in US constitutional interpretation, and federalism; grader of theses for five years)
 Government 1060: The History of Political Theory I (fall 1988) (ancient and medieval political theory)
 Government 1061: The History of Political Theory II (spring 1989) (modern political theory)
 Moral Reasoning 13: Realism and Moralism (spring 1986) (examination of the relation between moral virtue and reason through Aristotle, Machiavelli, Locke, Kant, and Nietzsche)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Founder and director, Great Works Academic Certificate Program, 2004-8, 2009-
 Faculty Senate Academic Freedom and Ethics Committee, 2013-
 College Course and Curriculum Committee, 2014-
 Chair, departmental Course and Curriculum Committee, 1994-95, 2009-
 Graduate coordinator, MA in Ethics and Policy Studies, 2004-8, 2009-12
 Faculty Senate Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2011-12
 Ethics and Policy Studies Advisory Committee, 1997-2000, 2001-8, 2009-11; chair, 2004-8, 2009-11
 Advisory committee for Harry S. Truman Scholarship, 1992-2000, 2006, 2008, 2011
 Graduate coordinator, MA in Political Science, 1999-2000, 2001-8
 Departmental Personnel Committee, 1993-94, 1995-96, 1998-99 (chair), 2001-4, 2005-8
 Chair, departmental committee to investigate feasibility of PhD program, 2004-5
 Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, spring 1997 to spring 2000; chair, 1997-99
 Graduate College Curriculum Committee, 1995-96, 1999
 College Social Science Studies Committee, 1995-99
 College Academic Standards Committee, 1996-98
 Representative of College of Liberal Arts on Assistive Technology Steering Committee, 1992-98

Harvard University

Tutor, Cabot House, 1991-92 (nonresident tutor to approximately four hundred students; available as academic advisor to approximately forty concentrators in government and as general advisor to other students)
 Tutor, Dudley House, 1985-91 (resident tutor for five years, nonresident tutor for one year)

Vanderbilt University

Executive Council of chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 1982-83
 Admissions Committee of College of Arts and Science, 1982-83
 Task Force on Opportunities for the Handicapped, 1980-83
 Academic Standards and Procedures Committee of College of Arts and Science, 1981-82

PROFESSIONAL AND SELECTED PUBLIC SERVICE

Nevada Advisory Committee, United States Commission on Civil Rights, 2012-
 Manuscript reviewer, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 2007, 2014
 Invited colloquium on Cicero, National Junior Classical League convention, Las Vegas, Nevada,
 July 22, 2013
 Manuscript reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, 2013
 Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Politics*, 2013
 Manuscript reviewer, *Review of Politics*, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005 (twice), 2006, 2007, 2009
 (twice), 2013
 Chair and discussant of panel Dialectics, Poetry, and the Elements of Classical Political
 Philosophy, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 11, 2013
 Invited participant, Harvard University Program on Constitutional Government Conference on
 Harvey C. Mansfield's Scholarship, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 30, 2012
 Invited participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium on Leadership in Education for a Free Society,
 Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 25-28, 2011
 Manuscript reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2011 (twice)
 Manuscript reviewer, *Polity*, 2011
 Chair and discussant of panel Philosophy and the City, Midwest Political Science Association,
 Chicago, Illinois, April 2, 2011
 Reviewer of research for tenure for assistant professor, University of Michigan–Flint, 2010
 Organizer of panel The Language of Ancient Roman Politics, American Political Science
 Association, Washington, D.C., September 4, 2010
 Discussant on panel Political Rhetoric and Decision-Making in Thucydides, Northeastern
 Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 20, 2009
 Book proposal reviewer, Lexington Books, 2009
 Manuscript reviewer, *Politics and Religion*, 2009 (twice)
 Organizer of panel Cicero: Philosopher and Orator, American Political Science Association,
 Boston, Massachusetts, August 28, 2008
 Invited participant, Program on Politics and Economics, George Mason University School of
 Law, Big Sky, Montana, August 13-19, 2007
 Book proposal reviewer, Hackett Publishing Company, 2006
 Chair of panel Regimes in Speech vs. Regimes in Deed, American Political Science Association,
 Chicago, Illinois, September 2, 2004
 Discussant on panel Liberalism, Democracy, and Education, Midwest Political Science
 Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 17, 2004
 Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 2003
 Manuscript reviewer, *Trames* (Estonian journal of humanities and social sciences), 2003
 Application reviewer, Collaborative Research and Scholarly Editions Program, National
 Endowment for the Humanities, 2002
 Chair of panel The Problems of Liberalism in Theory and Practice, Southern Political Science
 Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 10, 2001

Organizer of panel Whose American Political Thought? Founders, Pragmatists, Postmodernists, Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 8, 2001
Chair of panel Democracy and Individual Development in Nineteenth-Century American Thought, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1, 2000
Organizer of panel Stoicism, Ancient and Modern, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 31, 2000
Manuscript reviewer, *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*, 2000
External reviewer of programs in political science and international studies, Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia, 1999
Organizer of panel Foundational Issues in Cicero's Political Philosophy, American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 5, 1998
Chair of panel Morality and Faith in Democratic Communities, American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 4, 1998
Chair of panel Peirce's Revenge, Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, Rhode Island, November 12, 1994
Invited respondent to paper "Can Postmodernism Claim to be True?," Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 13, 1993
Discussant on panel Liberals, Communitarians, and the Politics of Identity, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 3, 1993

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Latin, French (reading), ancient Greek (some), German (some)

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Ancient Philosophy Society
International Society of the Friends of Cicero, scientific member
Society for Greek Political Thought